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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:)

Inventor: BURBANK, et al.)

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For: Hemodilution cap and methods of use in)
blood-processing procedures)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir/Madam:

In response to the telephone restriction on February 24, 2002 and the Office Action
mailed February 28, 2003, please enter the election and amendments as follows.

RESTRICTION

In a telephone restriction, the Examiner identified two classes of invention corresponding to claims (class I): claims 1-8, 11, and 15-16 drawn to a device and (class II): claims 17-21, 25, 29, 50, and 54 drawn to a method. In a preliminary election by phone, Applicants hereby elected Class I directed to a device. Applicants hereby confirm the election of class I and request the cancellation of the non-elected claims in the amendment that follows.

DRAWINGS

The drawings are objected to for failing to illustrate claimed features of the invention.

Applicants. The claim amendments render the objection moot.